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## Franklin VFD Marks Another Year of Service to the Area



Franklin Volunteer Fire Department officers raise their hands as they are sworn in for 2025.

By Stephen Smoot

Last Saturday night, members of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department gathered to honor each other, and the mark another year of service to Franklin and to Pendleton County overall.

Attendees started to gather at around 5:30 for the social hour. Those coming in were greeted with friendly faces, warm hearts, and tables of hors d'oeuvres. The selection included sliced cheeses, ham, and sausages, olives, pickles, crackers, a sweet treat with graham crackers and a dip, and much more.

An hour after all arrived, Terry Hedrick, president of the FVFD, welcomed all. He then introduced Sam Harper, who represented Circleville Volunteer Fire Department, to give the opening invocation. Harper prayed, "Thank You for the privilege of serving our community."

Buffalo Snow Catering provided the buffet style dinner that included grilled chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, salad, rolls, and a variety of fresh made desserts.

A little later on, Hedrick shared that "we

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## Update on Town of Franklin Administration Provided to LEPC

By Stephen Smoot

At last week's Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, Frank Wehrle, Town of Franklin administrator, provided updates on key initiatives for the municipality.

He first shared that "the water project is winding down, finally." The Town of Franklin engaged Thrasher

to oversee needed upgrades and maintenance of the local water system. This included repairing a major leak and replacing a water pipe river crossing, among many other needs.

"We're hoping to have it completed by the end of the month," shared Wehrle.

Until then, the town has issued a conserve water advisory. As crews work to

complete the jobs, the system will operate at less than full capacity from time to time. This means that excessive consumption could overburden the system and incur problems.

Conserving takes pressure off both the system and the workers trying to get the work done as quickly as possible.

Eddie Caplinger, who serves at Pendleton Manor as well as with the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, shared that he had noticed an increase in water pressure recently. Wehrle explained that efforts to keep the system functional during periods of lower capacity mean that "you're going to see oddball things like that."

He added that the town would continue to monitor pressure during and after the completion of work on the water system. "If it doesn't go back down, it's something that we need to check," Wehrle said.

Wehrle then informed the committee that the town sewer project remained in the planning stage.

He then shared the ongoing town project to relocate and/or remove power poles that produce potentially dangerous obstacles to traffic near the traffic light. "We're working on developing the project initiated a few years ago," he stated. The plan currently envisions removing one pole and relocating three others.

Wehrle stated that the town is in discussions with utilities that use the poles to "get them on board." Additionally, the town will have to secure rights-of-way from three property owners to place the poles in safer areas.

At the close of the meeting, he shared concerns about bills making their way through the West Virginia Legislature. One concerns the licensing of home-based businesses. The other would require municipalities to hold their elections at the same times as federal, state, and county balloting. Wehrle explained that "I have concerns about implementation."

Cities have had the option to synchronize their elections with others, but have seen logistical issues in implementing the details of them.



## Wildcats Bring it to the Bub

Pendleton County's top ranked softball squad battled strong Class AAA and Class AAAAA competition to prevail in the storied tournament.

## Easter Arrives Early at Family Resource Center



Last Saturday, the Pendleton County Family Resource Center hosted "Brunch with the Easter Bunny." The Easter Bunny herself shared that brunch which included "pancakes, sausage, fruit, just all you can eat." She also took pictures with the kids of all ages who came in. First photo is the Easter Bunny with Hadleigh Wright. The second one is with Lacey Sanders and Paige Errington.



## LEPC Learns of River and Rain Gauges Coming Soon to Pendleton County

By Stephen Smoot

Pendleton County sits at or near the headwaters of the rivers whose watershed helps to define the Potomac Highlands region. With the South Branch, South Fork, and North Fork valleys all historically suffering floods from time to time, emergency management officials need as much information as they can obtain about rainfall and streamflow during conditions of both heavy rains and drought.

Yet only two gauges measure streamflow in Pendleton. One operates at the low water bridge in Franklin while the other measures the flow of the South Fork at the US 33 bridge in Brandywine.

The North Fork's farthest upstream gauge sits near Smoke Hole in Grant County.

The Pendleton County Local Emergency Planning Committee in its second quarterly meeting heard an update on new gauges, as well as other vital information last Thursday.

Bruce Minor, who chairs the LEPC, opened the meeting, saying "I want to thank everyone for coming." He then shared that the new traffic camera on Elk Mountain was operational, adding "I've gotten onto the web page and looked at it. It has some really great pictures."

Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator, noted, "It's definitely well lit. It lights up the top of the whole mountain."

Minor then informed the committee of the need for a commodities flow study. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the studies "are conducted to provide detailed information about the type, volume, and spatial distribution of hazardous materials traveling through your counties by highways and rail."

The commodities flow study became necessary when the requirements of the county emergency plans were changed. Minor expressed in frustration of mandates derived from a template formed for the Kanawha Valley that "the shoe doesn't fit us." Pendleton County has neither chemical producing facilities, nor railroads that trains carrying hazardous materials might use.

Another federal directive is mandating

that the LEPC adjust its bylaws. Minor stated that "everybody's trying to save their jobs" at the federal level. "They don't like our bylaws, so we have to change our bylaws."

Minor had already crafted a draft of new bylaws and offered to share with anyone on the committee who wished to peruse them.

He also mentioned that the membership list required an update and asked for ideas on who else should be invited to join, then suggested that state forestry officials might be suitable candidates to participate officially.

Gillespie then provided the update on river and rain gauges.

Pendleton County will receive, as Gillespie describes, "more modern radar based stream gauges." The current ones in operation, installed and run by the United States Geological Survey, he said are "old fashioned."

He then thanked the Pendleton County Commission for providing funding, as of July 1 of this year, to install six gauges using the latest technology. They will measure streamflow in all three valleys.

Gillespie stated that "as we know, a lot of carnage can happen" in the North Fork upstream of the initial gauge in Smoke Hole.

"The way they report and the way we monitor them" will provide "instantaneous" information that can make a major difference in extreme weather events.

Three rain gauges will monitor that form of weather. Gillespie said that one will be placed at the position of the Elk Mountain traffic camera. Both electric power and access to the internet make it a convenient spot. Gillespie also explained that the location has strategic type value since it sits "near the birthplace of several different rivers going in several different directions."

This will help serve the needs of Pocahontas and Randolph counties as well.

Brooke Hott shared from the Pendleton County Health Department that "we are potentially getting a grant to get some outreach to poultry farmers." That would come in the form of updated information about the avian flu which has caused deep concerns and heightened restrictions protecting the industry and those who work in it.

Minor praised the effort, saying that it will

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## Community CALENDAR

### Food Safety Presentation Set

The Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center on Main Street in Franklin is sponsoring a food safety presentation at 4:30 p.m. April 24.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

### Bluegrass/Gospel Sing Scheduled

#### At Onego Church

A bluegrass/gospel sing, featuring the Maysville Express, will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Onego Brethren Church. Refreshments will be provided.

### Region 8 PDC To Meet Today

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council will meet at 12:30 p.m. today at the Region 8 PDC office located at 131 Providence Lane in Petersburg.

### Lenten Lunches Conclude Today

The annual Lenten Lunches hosted by the Pendleton County Ministerial Association will be held at noon today at Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin.

A meal, consisting of soups, sandwiches, desserts and drinks, will be served at noon. The message will be delivered at 12:30 p.m.

This week's meal will be provided by Circleville, Seneca Rocks and High Rock churches. The message will be delivered by Gary Cecil.

### Holy Week Services Planned

The Mountain Lutheran Parish will have worship services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday at all five churches. Maundy Thursday services will be at 7 p.m. at Mt. Hope in Upper Tract and at St. John in Moyers. Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m. at Calvary in Brandywine and at Faith in Franklin. Easter Sunday: A sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. at St. John in Moyers with breakfast afterwards and then a regular service at 8:30 a.m. Mt. Hope in Upper Tract will have a service at 7 a.m. Calvary in Brandywine will have a joint sunrise service with Francis Asbury at 7 a.m. at Sugar Grove Cemetery, then breakfast at Calvary at 7:45 a.m. with an Easter service at 9:15 a.m. followed by an Easter egg hunt. Faith in Franklin will have a service at 11 a.m.

Mountaintop Ministries with Pastor Mike Loudermilk will have a Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. today at Franklin United Methodist Church. A Good Friday service will begin at 7 p.m. at Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin. An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Deer Run. Breakfast will follow.

An Easter morning service will be held at 8 a.m. at the North Fork Church of the Brethren on Snowy Mountain Road in Circleville. Breakfast will follow around 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend services at any of the churches.





Cheryl Lynn Reichard

Cheryl/Oma Lynn (Brown) Reichard, 79, “climbed her last mountain” as her soul ascended into heaven on March 28, 2025. Sadly, she lost her battle with pancreatic cancer. She passed away peacefully at her home in Port Charlotte, Florida, while being comforted by her husband, Jim/Rike Reichard, daughter, Jeannine Rose, and her beloved golden retriever, Liesl.

She was born March 22, 1946, in Wenatchee, Washington, to Richard L Brown and Ora Lee Clark (Bartalamay).

Mrs. Reichard graduated with honors in 1964 from Wenatchee High School.

Her love of the outdoors and animals began at an early age, as she often returned from school with muddy paw prints on her clothing attempting to convince her mother that the puppy needed a home. Growing up in Wenatchee, Washington, she worked summers in the cherry and apple orchards.

After moving to Yakama, Washington, she met the love of her life, Jim “Rike” Reichard in February 1974. They became life companions for the next 51 years, marrying in May of 1976.

After living in Maryland for five years, her life became more exciting when they moved in 1979 to Sugar Grove. She took the lead role for remodeling and expanding their house originally built in 1949. Of special note is the outstanding continuing support she provided her

husband during the years he was employed by the National Security Agency. Numerous adventures!

Loving adventure, they moved in the summer of 1987 to Munich, Germany, and remained overseas through 1994 until they returned to Sugar Grove. Her love of the outdoors led her to become a serious mountain hiker and an advanced skier in the Austrian, Italian and German Alps. Their adventures continued as they traveled extensively through Europe, the UK, Greece, Norway, Japan, New Zealand and also included a four-month deployment to Bosnia Herzegovina in support of her husband’s employment.

Her life was reflective of her drive to finish all things with perfection. This could be seen while expressing her talents in dog training (certified therapy dog volunteer), EMT volunteer, various home building projects, sewing, and cooking. Nothing was too difficult or challenging.

Her beloved husband, Jim (Rike) Reichard, survives.

Also surviving are children, Michael Reichard and Jeannine Reichard Rose; grandchildren, Rachyl Johnson and husband, Joel, Matthew Reichard and wife, Hannah, Emma Rose and partner, Sean McMaster, and Molly Rose; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; step-mother, Sharon Brown; siblings, Diane Snyder, Rick Brown, Becky Brown Strauch and Bob Moore; half siblings, Geoff Brown, Stephen Brown, Tracy Brown, and Camye Brown Takach; a brother-in-law, Charles Reichard and partner Janet Gulnac; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by siblings, Barry Brown and Kelly Brown McIntyre.

A celebration of her life of adventures is tentatively planned for late summer/fall.

Memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 1158 Veronica St., Port Charlotte, Florida 33952.



Wanda Lee Mongold

Wanda Lee Mongold, 75, of Franklin passed away April 13, 2025, at Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1949, in Franklin, and was the daughter of the late Wilmoth Raines and Gilda Jane Wimer Raines.

Mrs. Mongold worked at Hanover Shoe Company for 40 years and retired from American Woodmark.

She attended Wayside Baptist Church and Christ Central Community Church.

She and her husband enjoyed attending West Virginia University basketball games. Her passion was crocheting, and she enjoyed baking, gardening, spending time with her family, and trips to Pawleys Island with her niece, Stephanie Ford, and her family, daughter, Sherry, and grandchildren, Cory and Hannah.

On Dec. 4, 1965, she married Russell Charles Mon-

gold, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sherry Mongold of Franklin; a son, Scottie Mongold of Franklin; four sisters, Elsie Mae Lambert and Margaret Whetzel, both of Franklin, Linda Wimer (Virgil) of Blue Grass, Virginia, and Judy Wilson (Jim) of Cabins; four grandchildren, Cory Halterman of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Hannah Halterman (and fiancé, Josh) of Keyser, Dustin Mongold of Moorefield and Dalton Mongold of Franklin; a great-granddaughter, Luna Mongold of Moorefield; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Harry “Bud” Raines; a sister, Patsy Reel; a grandson, Dakota Halterman; and two brothers-in-law, Howard Lambert and Charles Lee Whetzel.

The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 p.m. Friday at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Trevor Whetzel officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Franklin.

Memorials may be made to South Fork Volunteer Rescue Squad, 124 Black Thorn Road, Sugar Grove, West Virginia 26815.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com).



Brenda Lynne (Armentrout) Haas

Brenda Lynne (Armentrout) Haas, 73, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away on April 11, 2025, at Harrisonburg Health and Rehab Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1952, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the daughter of the late Roy Dayton and Olive Ruth (Cooper) Armentrout.

Ms. Haas was a 1969 graduate of Wheaton High School and attended the National School of Business.

She was a member of the Cedar Grove United

Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a member of the Franklin Eastern Star #138.

She had worked several jobs during her career, including at Bridgewater College, JC Penney and Sears. She retired from the Daily News Record.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory many cousins from both sides of her family; and her son-in-law, Craig Orndorff.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Olivia Irene Orndorff; and her furry friend whom she missed dearly, “Lady Bug.”

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Amy Pannell officiating and an Order of the Eastern Star service conducted by OES #138.

Memorials may be made to Hahn Cancer Center, Sentara RMH, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at [www.basagic.com](http://www.basagic.com).

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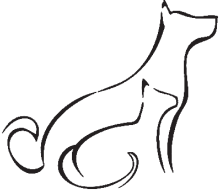
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# Pendleton FFA Members Exhibit Eggs, Bacons, Hams

Twelve Pendleton County FFA members participated in the annual South Branch Area FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale held March 14 at Moorefield High School.

Ninety-two FFA members, representing Pendleton, Petersburg, Moorefield and East Hardy chapters, sold 344 products (36 dozen eggs, 156 bacons and 152 hams) for \$146,945. Pendleton's FFA members sold three dozen eggs, 22 hams and 16 bacons, collectively earning \$19,825. This year, the bacons and hams were sold by the product instead of per pound as has been done in past years.

Pendleton FFA members participating in the show/sale were as follows (name, item, price and purchaser):

Caleb Armentrout — 20.48-pound prime ham, \$650, Murphy's Fencing in Franklin; 21.26-pound choice ham, \$400, Greer Lime Company in Riverton; 6.36-pound choice bacon, \$400, Greer Lime Company; and 6.36-pound choice bacon, \$350 T&K Markets in Franklin; Larissa Greathouse — 18.05-pound choice ham, \$500, Greer Lime Company; 17.85-pound choice ham, \$500, Hott's Ag Services in Franklin; 5.51-pound choice bacon, \$300, B & Y Farms in Seneca Rocks; and 5.51-pound choice bacon, \$275, ER Excavating & Utilities, Inc. in Moorefield;

Cole Harper — 17.27-pound choice ham, \$600, Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone in Riverton; 16.33-pound choice ham, \$400, Whitesel Brothers in Harrisonburg, Virginia; 6.11-pound prime bacon, \$650, Pendleton Community Bank in Moorefield; and 6.28-pound choice bacon, \$500, Greer Lime Company;

Lydia Heavner — 17.79-pound choice ham, \$750, Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, in Harrisonburg, Virginia; 17.31-pound choice ham, \$800, Warner's Coin Laundry in Franklin; and 4.82-pound choice bacon, \$1,300, Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC;

Ty Heavner — 18.17-pound prime ham, \$700, Pilgrims Fresh in Moorefield; 19.01-pound choice ham, \$600, T&K Markets; 6.46-pound

choice bacon, \$400, Greer Lime Company; and 4.82-pound good bacon, \$350, Moorefield Southern States in Moorefield;

McKenna Hedrick — dozen Grade A eggs, \$225, Heavner Farms in Upper Tract; 16.18-pound choice ham, \$500, Greer Lime Company; and 15.02-pound choice ham, \$500, Pilgrims Prepared Food in Moorefield;

Jameigh Miller — 14.63-pound choice ham, \$550, Warner's Coin Laundry; and 14.32-pound good ham, \$250, Moorefield Southern States;

Vivian Pownell — dozen Grade A eggs, \$150, Deans Gap Farm, LLC in Fort Seybert;

Emily Schell — dozen Grade AA eggs, \$275, Heavner Farms; 14.87-pound choice ham, \$500, Freedom Ag and Energy in Petersburg; 14.77-pound choice ham, \$450, Farm Credit in Moorefield; 5.58-pound prime bacon, \$550, Green Lime Company; and 5.35-pound prime bacon, \$500, Deans Gap Farm, LLC;

Hannah Schell — 14.22-pound choice ham, \$475, Warner's Coin Laundry; 14.18-pound choice ham, \$450, Rockingham Coop in Dayton, Virginia; and 4.63-pound choice bacon, \$350, Greer Lime Company;

Makayla Tingler — 23.17-pound prime ham, \$450, Murphy's Fencing; 23.31-pound choice ham, \$525, Hott's Ag Service; 5.38-pound choice bacon, \$200, Greer Lime Company; and 5.32-pound choice bacon, \$250, ER Excavating & Utilities, LLC; and

Lucas Vandevander — 20-pound prime ham, \$625, Riverton Lumber Products, LLC in Riverton; 18.64-pound prime ham, \$575, Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone; 6.51-pound prime bacon, \$500, Deans Gap Farm, LLC; and 5.73-pound prime bacon, \$550, Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone.

Gracie Heishman, an East Hardy FFA member, exhibited the champion eggs. M & M Septic Service in Old Fields purchased the eggs for \$500. The reserve champion eggs were exhibited by Joe Riggleman from Moorefield FFA. The eggs fetched \$200 from Farm Credit.

The champion ham, weighing 23.8 pounds,

was exhibited by Madison Whetzel, Petersburg FFA member, and was purchased by ER Excavating & Utilities, LLC for \$925. Petersburg FFA member, Khole Haslacker, exhibited the reserve champion ham. Grant County Bank in Petersburg purchased the 23.6-pound ham for \$1,050.

Kari Rohrbaugh, a Petersburg FFA member, exhibited the grand champion bacon which was purchased by Rio General Store in Delray for \$650. The reserve champion bacon was displayed by Haslacker and purchased by Pendleton Community Bank for \$700.

Pendleton FFA members had to choose a pig(s) to raise by last June. The pig was fed over the summer, getting it to the ideal weight of between 260 and 280 pounds. In November, the pigs were taken to slaughter. The slaughtered hogs were then transported back to the school where the meat was processed in the vo-ag's meat room. The hams and bacons were

pulled for curing for the annual show in March, and the rest of the hog's meat was processed.

To prepare a ham or bacon for the ham/bacon show, the meat was cured with a brown sugar cure mix for two days per pound, or a minimum of 45 days, at a temperature of 36° to 45°. (For any ham or bacon over 30 pounds, an additional two days per pound was added to the curing process.) To stabilize the hams and bacons and to end the curing process, the temperature was increased to 55° for 20 days. Then the meat was dried for 11 days at 90°. Once the curing process was completed, each ham and bacon was trimmed, shaped and smoked.

The eggs and smoked hams and bacons were taken to Moorefield one day prior to the sale where a panel of neutral judges judged the entries from the three counties. The hams and bacons were judged into three different qualities - prime, choice and good.

## BES Honor Rolls Announced

Ryan Lambert, principal of Brandywine Elementary School, has announced the following honor rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period.

### Principal's Honor Roll

First grade — Dylan Hensley, Cayson Hevener and Braxton Kimble;

Second grade — Lucas Cruz, Wyatt Hevener and Cooper Wimer;

Third grade — Hunter Bowers, Arianna George, Carson Mitchell, Bethany Teagarden and Brody Whitlock;

Fourth grade — Grayson Gilbert, Vianca Henderson and Aubrey Pitsenbarger;

Fifth grade — Harley Bowers, Harper Marsh, Macie Mitchell and Addison Williams; and

Sixth grade — Owen Champ.

### A-B Honor Roll

First grade — Carter Braham, Karma Calhoun, Traycen Deavers, Nathan Puffen-

barger, Wyatt Ruddle, Titus Simon, Bella Whitmore and Demakleez Wood;

Second grade — Wyatt Calhoun, Annabelle Lockner, Geneva Mongold, Romeo Perez, Alani Shockey, Colton Turner, Benjamin Weaver, Jacob Wheeler and Bentley Whitlock;

Third grade — Cailee Armstrong, Victoriana Christian, Lucas Hanna, Faith Hough-Lachica, Nakiyah Perez, Fletcher Puffenbarger, Vencen Rawson, Wyatt Reel, Jack Roberts and Chloe Simmons;

Fourth grade — Logan Bowman, Adalynn Brown, Thomas Connor, Piper Hanna, Kendalyn Hoover-Bartley, Trevor Redmond, Elizabeth Wheeler and Mysty-Rayne Wood;

Fifth grade — Michelina Browder, Bryce Kimble and Koltin Price; and

Sixth grade — Landon Bowers, Ava Davis, Levi Wimer and River Zutaut.

## PCM/HS Students Earn Honor Roll Recognition

Ali W. Judy, Pendleton County High School counselor, has released the honors rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period.

### Principal's Honor Roll (All As)

Seventh grade — Beckett Aumann, Allison Barbour, Anthony Bowman, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Mackenzie Day, Vaylee Harper, Cayden Hensley, Alayna Huffman, Kallie Keyser, Carmella Paugh, Journey Rowe, Ava Sherman, Lainey Simmons, Branson Smith, Aniyah Spencer and Jacob Thompson;

Eighth grade — Tatum Aumann, Allison Barbour, Anthony Bowman, Weston Boyer, Kya Brogan, Mackenzie Day, Vaylee Harper, Cayden Hensley, Alayna Huffman, Kallie Keyser, Carmella Paugh, Journey Rowe, Ava Sherman, Lainey Simmons, Branson Smith, Aniyah Spencer and Jacob Thompson;

Ninth grade — Jax Ben- nettt, Chesnee Colaw, Sam Eason, Dylan Eye, Alaena Fertig, Kayla Harper, Mason Harper, Katie Heavner, Katie Keyser, Chloe Kisamore, Travis Owens, Albert Ramos-Rivera, Allison Reuss, Colton Roberson, Kaylee Teter and Danielle Warner;

Tenth grade — Alex Adams, Trey Armentrout, Cole Harper, Spencer Hartman, Ty Heavner, Callie Judy, Cain Nulph, Gabriella Trail and Susan Vincell;

Eleventh grade — Madison Arbaugh, Breena Bowers, Mason DiFalco, Corbin Dove, Kiera Heavener, Dakota Huffman, Gena Lambert, Kaitlyn McQuain, Orrin

Merrick, Jaiden Mitts, Leah Nesselrodt, Chase Owens and Vivian Pownell; and

Twelfth grade — Elizabeth Alt, Caleb Armentrout, Hannah Bennett, Leah Bennett, Cortlyn Hartman, Emma Hartman, Ila Jones, Aubree Keiter, Paigelyn Long, Titus Nulph, Addison Rexrode, Nicholas Rhodes, Jenna Smith, Makayla Tingler, Avery Townsend and Zykijah Wright.

### Regular Honor Roll (B/3.0 Average)

Seventh grade — Cali Alt, Jada Alt, Reagyn Atkins, Annabelle Back, Kinley Bennett, Greyson Boggs, Paizley Busard, Brian Cheesman, Bella Eye, Jordyn Ferris, Daisy Hartman, Hannah Heavner, Jackson Hedrick, Parker Hedrick, Tegan Johnson, Ty Johnson, Miley Kimble, Noah Kobetic, Makayla Lambert, Shane Lamaster, Cheyenne McLane, Maiya Mongold, Jasper Nelson, Chase Rohrbaugh, Ellie Redmond, Jayden Rexrode, Jace Shreve, Aubree Simmons, Aliviah Smith, Kynleigh Sponaule, Josie Verdoni, Azalea Waddell, Bryana Warpoole, Lori Wehlre, Aiden Whetzel and Makynna Whetzel;

Eighth grade — Emma Alexander, Lily Brogan, Landon Davis, Kaylee Ellinger, Cohen Hiatt, Mason Miller, Bryce Propst, Jude Propst, Jazminn Severance, Jaxon Simon, Dalila Sponaule, Lauren Williams and Jackson Wimer;

Ninth grade — Bella Alt, Ty Armentrout, Charity Chan, Victoria Chan, Shayne Clutter, John Connor, Jr., Callina Dunn, Susan George, Jordyn Gibson, Jared Greathouse, Lukas Halterman, Kasen Hammer, Logan Hawk, Aubriana Holloway, Candace McQuain, Alanna Miller, Shyenne Morris-Hedrick, Marleigh Moyers, Phoebe Pownell, Benjamin Puffenbarger, Jonah See, Lauren Sisson, Broty Sites, Cooper Smith, Alyssa Swain, Katie

Thompson, Lexy Tingler, Colbie Wimer and Cameron Wyatt;

Tenth grade — Zander Adams, Arianna Alt, Carson Alt, Cayson Armstrong, Bryce Basagic, Alyssa Bennett, Taylor Forbus, Olivia Gonshor, Wyatt Hinkle, Summer Hull, Dakota Kimble, Trace Lambert, Autumn Lockard, Noah Lockard, Britton Lough, Christopher Maxson, Jaidah Nesselrodt, David Noble, Jessica Parker, Bryn Reel, Keira Reel, Ashlin Rexrode, Bentley Ruddle, Colby Simmons, Liam Simmons, Malcom Smith, William Smith, Madison Sword, Ronald Thompson, Rylan Tilley, Alex Tracy, Zackary Tracy, Madison Waybright-Bird, Madison Wells, Courtney Whetzel, Brody Wimer and Brennan Wyatt;

Eleventh grade — Jestani Atkins, Zackary Boggs, Landen Champ, Barrett Cook, Evelyn Ditch, Logan Fisher, Tildon Graham, Larissa Greathouse, Laikyn Hanna, Garrett Hartman, Makinley Hedrick, Jaydon Hess, Braylin Hull, Cashton Kisamore, Jameigh Miller, Nichole Mullen, Emily Poling, Kammon Redman, Clara Raines, Taylor Roberson, Lindsay Simmons, Madison Simmons, Jonas Turner, Carolyn Varner, Brynlynn Waggy, James Waybright, Cheyanne Whetzel and Isabelle Zirkle;

Twelfth grade — Sawyer Apple, Kinsley Armstrong, Baylee Beachler, Kacy Ben- nettt, Timothy Bogan, Madison Brooks, Isabelle Engle, Gabriel Harvey, Hannah Harvey, Lydia Heavner, McKenna Hedrick, Dalton Hester, Ella Johnston, Josiah Kimble, Isabella Lockard, Gracie Lough, Jacob Mitchell, Michael Miller, Julia Mongold, Andrew Mowery, Jaida Reel, Hunter Roberts, Bryson Ruddle, Salou Sawyers, Laney Sites-Woods, Johnnie Tidd, Jasper Tingler, James Vincell and Taylor Wimer.

The staff at Franklin Elementary School has released the academic awards for the third nine-weeks grading period.

### A Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Jaylynn Hedrick, Mason Hinkle, Silas Kain, Alby Nesselrodt, Makinley Simon and Violet VanMeter;

1B (Nicely) — Silas Flanigan, Carlea Hedrick, Hallie Hedrick, Colt Hiatt, Ellanore Hoover, Addyson Horton, Macie Kirk and Richard Spillars-Auville;

2A (Mowery) — Charles Caplinger, Charli Hiatt, Eve Hott and Cash Varner;

2B (George) — Paisley Hott, Kinley Minor, Jase Mitters, Maci Raines and Bryson Rexrode;

3A (Kimble) — Lola Brooks, Madalyn Griffin, Hunter Hedrick, Ariel Martin, Maddie Nesselrodt, Emmett Sisson and Colton Whetzel;

3B (Dove) — Mattox Ayala, Everly Bowers, Abigail Cayton, Mia Dudley, Urban Jones, Kaci Keller, Alexis Michael, Mason Mowery, Rosalyn Nesselrodt, Rylan Stager and Nathanael Vincell;

4A (Griffin) — Gracie Hedrick, Dallis Hull, Ava Rose and Jaedynn Severance;

4B (Eye) — Sicily Flanigan, Luke Gilley, Stella Halterman, Luke Kimble, Adelynn Miller and Sunny Milstead;

5A (Triplett) — Raelynn Bergdoll, Harper Dempsey and Bella Kimble;

5B (Plaugher) — Tinley Basagic, Bristol Bowers, Ella Dudley, Clairra Kimble, Gracelyn Mongold and Connor Raines;

6A (Cook) — Kenden Champ, Alaina Hedrick, Cambri Hiatt, Breymann Keesecker, Alaska Kimble, Madison Kirk and Tucker Minor; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Sadie Armentrout, Braxton Beachler and Eli Boyer.

### AB Honor Roll

1A (Ruddle) — Ruger Hartman, Colin Kirk, Jada Verdoni, Evelyn White and Genevieve Wimer;

1B (Nicely) — Cannon Botkin, Craig Bussard, River Gilley, Harper Hedrick, Waylon Ours and Gia Verdoni;

2A (Mowery) — Trenton Bowers, Aubreigh Brooks, Liam Cooper, Kane Gill and Emma Humphrey;

2B (George) — Anasen Bishop, Solomyn Bowers, Lane Nesselrodt, Braylee Propst,

Kylan Shriver and Ciara Smith;

3A (Kimble) — Keylan Bailey, Brinleigh Bishop, Sloane Donnelly, Hailey Ferris, Chase George, Brantley Hedrick, Paisley Jackson, Chandler Mauzy, Madison Mongold, Kieley Wheeler and Leah Wheeler;

3B (Dove) — Madison Borror, Karson Fox, Dylan Harper, Finley Harper, Dani Hoover, Jaycee Jameson, Kylie Raymond and Ryan Thompson;

4A (Griffin) — Lukas Baldwin, Landon Mallow, Hunter Price and Adalynn Severance;

4B (Eye) — Greysen Eckard and Eowyn Propst;

5A (Triplett) — Olivia Caplinger;

5B (Plaugher) — Hyrum Hartman and Riley Hawk;

6A (Cook) — Blayke Bennett, Alexis Hedrick and Addison Shreve; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Emma Nesselrodt, Chevelle Noble, Cambria VanMeter and Cayli Vanmeter.

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KA (Flanigan) — Mason LaFollette and Keraun Nibblins;

KB (Edwards) — Cayde Ayala and Bryer Wood;

1A (Ruddle) — Jaylynn Hedrick and Alby Nesselrodt;

1B (Nicely) — Carlea Hedrick and Waylon Ours;

2A (Mowery) — Emma Humphrey and Bryer Moyers;

2B (George) — Jase Mitters and Alastor Propst;

3A (Kimble) — Baylee Ours and Emmett Sisson;

3B (Dove) — Urban Jones and Rosalyn Nesselrodt;

4A (Griffin) — Lukas Baldwin and Ava Rose;

4B (Eye) — Luke Gilley and Nikolai Miller;

5A (Triplett) — Russell Eckard and Isabella Hoover;

5B (Plaugher) — Hyrum Hartman and Gracelyn Mongold;

6A (Cook) — Madison Kirk and Garrett Lambert; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Jayden Parsons and Lorelei Price.

### Top 5 Accelerated Readers

1A (Ruddle) — Makinley Simon (61 points), Silas Kain (56 points), Genevieve Wimer (46 points), Mason Hinkle (43 points) and Colin Kirk (42 points);

1B (Nicely) — Carlea Hedrick (78.8 points), Hallie Hedrick (72.6 points), Addyson Horton (62.3 points), Ellanore Hoover (61.6 points) and Ma-

cie Kirk (61.5 points);

2A (Mowery) — Emma Humphrey (32.4 points), Eve Hott (31.6 points), Madelyn Trenton (31.3 points), Charli Hiatt (29.9 points) and Kane Gill (25.3 points);

2B (George) — Kinley Minor (16 points), Jase Mitters (15.1 points), Braylee Propst (14.7 points), Maci Raines (14.5 points) and Kylan Shriver (13.6 points);

3A (Kimble) — Chase George (65 points), Madison Mongold (61 points), Brinleigh Bishop (58 points), Sloane Donnelly (55 points) and Lola Brooks (40 points);

3B (Dove) — Mason Mowery (239.1 points), Urban Jones (167.3 points), Abigail Cayton (88.6 points), Nathanael Vincell (73.1 points) and Rosalyn Nesselrodt (61 points);

4A (Griffin) — Gracie Hedrick (87.1 points), Dallis Hull (69.7 points), Ava Rose (69.1 points), Adalynn Severance (64.3 points) and Kyle Ice (54.4 points);

4B (Eye) — Sicily Flanigan (202.8 points), Eowyn Propst (94.7 points), Branson Purcell (54.2 points), Luke Kimble (53.1 points) and Greysen Eckard (45.5 points);

5A (Triplett) — Raelynn Bergdoll (54.9 points), Bella Kimble (52.4 points), Wyatt Hott (51.4 points), Harper Dempsey (50.7 points) and Olivia Caplinger (50.4 points);

5B (Plaugher) — Riley Hawk (66 points), Bristol Bowers (65.6 points), Tinley Basagic (64 points), Gracelyn Mongold (45.6 points) and Ella Dudley (45.3 points);

6A (Cook) — Alaina Hedrick, Cambri Hiatt, Madison Kirk, Breymann Keesecker and Tucker Minor; and

6B (Nine-Miller) — Eli Boyer, Braxton Beachler, Chevelle Noble, Isabella Cooper and Cambria Vanmeter.

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KA (Flanigan) — Emerson Byers, Layla Dudley, Catherine Eye, Mason LaFollette, Brielle Raines and Olivia Seymour; and

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10 Years Ago  
 Week of April 9, 2015

County Named  
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Data released by County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, a project of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, lists Pendleton County as the healthiest county in the state. Jefferson, Monongalia, Pleasants and Upshur counties round out the top five, respectively. Mercer, Logan, Mingo, Wyoming and McDowell counties fell to the bottom of the ranking.

Pendleton ranks first in the state in health outcomes, up from third place last year. However, the county dropped from fifth in county ranking in 2014 to tenth place for health factors.

The health factors ranking is indicative of such things as adult smoking and obesity, access to exercise opportunities, health screening availability, child poverty, violent crime, housing problems, etc.

Today Marks  
 Anniversary of  
 ‘Surrender at  
 Appomattox’

The War Between the  
 States Comes to an End

by Dewayne Borrór

On April 9th, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee was forced to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia to overwhelming forces under the command of General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House. This week we observe the 150th Anniversary of that historic event.

Only a few men from Pendleton were in the ranks that day at Appomattox, as soldiers in the 25th Virginia Infantry. The 62nd Virginia Infantry, the regiment into which the majority of Pendleton men served, was at Lynchburg at the time of the surrender.

Following Lee’s surrender, the gallant southern soldiers from Pendleton County began the long sad journey home. The last months of the war in the county had been hard. George Washington Hedrick, a fourteen-year-old boy from Reed’s Creek, was murdered in front of his family by Union Home Guards. On the seventh of April, DeWitt Harper of the 18th Virginia Cavalry, was laid to rest with military honors on his family’s property, now known as Cedar Hill Cemetery. Dewitt was killed on the North Fork by his cousin, Perry Harper, a Union Home Guard. DeWitt

had led a raiding party to the home of his uncle, Simeon Harper, and upon entering the home, DeWitt shot and killed his uncle, probably mistaking him for one of his cousins.

As news of the surrender reached Pendleton County, it brought both sadness and happiness. The long hard war was finally at an end and loved ones would soon be coming home, but the hope that most of the county and the South had for a separate country had come to an end.

Those from the county that had remained loyal to the Union now had a reason to celebrate. Shortly after hearing of the surrender, a group of West Virginia Home Guards from Captain John Boggs’ Company, decided they would come to Franklin to take “formal possession” of the county seat. This group of men, numbering about twenty, were under the command of Lieutenant William Phares. Riding into town, singing and cheering, the men were not welcome visitors.

As part of their formal “retaking of the town” they rode around the court house singing “rally ‘round the flag boys” as Daniel Dice climbed to the cupola of the Civil War era court house and placed the United States flag. The Stars and Stripes waved for a while before it was decided it was time to leave town as former Confederates would soon be returning home.

The flag was taken down by Dice and the party left town without any disturbance. Dice had this very flag in his possession for many years. Rumor has it that he not only raised the United States flag, but in doing so he removed a Confederate flag which was flying in its place.

Information is this article is from “Twixt North and South” by H. M. Calhoun and other sources.

Week of April 16, 2015

New  
 Franklin Elementary  
 School Dedicated

The official dedication ceremony of the newly constructed Franklin Elementary School was held Friday during a student assembly at the school. Principal Rick Linaburg welcomed dignitaries from across the state attending the event. He cited a time line of structures housing the elementary school beginning in 1802. It was noted that the former building had been in service for 63 years.

20 Years Ago  
 Week of April 14, 2005

SUGAR GROVE

Groovy Words —  
 Why Aren’t They Being  
 Used in Today’s Society?

What happened to all the groovy words one used to use? Where have all those phrases gone? Jumpin’ Jehosaphat! Holy molely! Heaven’s to Betsy! Back in the olden days, life was a real gas, a dilly, a doozy, the cat’s whiskers, the cat’s meow, far-out, nifty, ducky, groovy, super, fabulous, beautiful and wicked.

Life used to be swell, but when’s the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the same way of beehives, knickers, spats, poodle skirts, pedal pushers and pageboys. One discovers that the words one grew up with have vanished.

The words of the youth have been left behind, the Mickey Mouse wristwatches, Hula-Hoops, skate keys and an organ grinder’s monkey.

It turns out here are more of those lost words and expressions. The milkman did it. It’s one’s nickel. Knee-high to a grasshopper. Fiddlesticks! I’ll see you in the funny papers. Don’t take any wooden nickels. And a-wa-a-ay we go.

Farewell and hail to rumble seats and running boards, iceboxes and Fridgidaire, Victrolas and hi-fis, fountain pens and inkwells, party lines, tennis prisses, slide rules, and manual typewriters.

Modern bluntness is often accompanied by a loss of manners. A “hunk” no longer means a large lump of something, a “rap” isn’t just ‘60s talk, “crack” means more than a small opening, “ice” means more than frozen water, and “pot” more than a cooking utensil. Of all the words that have undergone shifts this past century, the one that rattles more cages and yanks more chains is “gay.” One grew up using the adjective that meant “high spirited,” as in “Gay Nineties.” It then moved into the linguistic path of specialization. Then, the perfectly wonderful word has been word-napped by the homosexual community. These words once strutted on the earthly stage and now are no longer heard, except in one’s memories. That’s one of the greatest advantages of aging.

30 Years Ago  
 Week of April 13, 1995

SUGAR GROVE

Ancient Chinese,  
 Persians Colored  
 Easter Eggs

Where did the custom of coloring Easter eggs come from? No one really knows for sure. The ancient Chinese, Greeks, Persians and Egyptians dyed colored eggs for their friends. Our forefathers used onion skins, and dyes from mustard seed, red cabbage, beets to color eggs. Who brings the colored eggs at Easter? Of course, the Easter bunny. However, the children in Italy, Belgium and France say the eggs are brought by the church bells which don’t ring from Good Friday until Easter Sunday.

Then there are many games played with the Easter egg.

50 Years Ago  
 Week of April 17, 1975

DAHMER

After many years of research, the writer can trace the first white man traveled path through the Dahmer community. The early land patents boundaries sometimes mention crossing a path. Who used this path before the white man? The answer is it was an Indian trail, also used by wild animals of the forest.

Because of the abundance of native chestnuts along this trail, it was an ideal place for the Indians’ hunting ground, because turkey, deer, bear and squirrel were fond of the delicious chestnut.

The Indians’ arrowheads found here, and at least three Indian burial places in this community, help to prove this to be a true story. So perhaps Killbuck, the Indian chief, once roamed these hills.

60 Years Ago  
 Week of April 15, 1965

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor’s Note—The following is one of a series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

Lincoln Assassinated;  
 Murder Plot Unfolds

President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln were driven through the streets of Washington amid a tumult of celebration. Everywhere, there was rejoicing; triumphal arches spanned the streets, and victory torches flared. It was Good Friday, April 14, 100 years ago this week, only five days after the surrender at Appomattox. That very day, the flag that had been lowered at Fort Sumter exactly four years earlier upon the outbreak on the Civil War had been raised again over the fort, proclaiming the end of the Civil War.

It was in this spirit that the Lincolns and their guests slipped into their box at the Ford Theater. The audience, who had been expecting them cheered; the orchestra played “Hail to the Chief”; the actors bowed, and the play—a comedy entitled “Our American Cousin”—began.

And before it ended, the joy, the comedy, the triumph—all had turned to abject horror. For as the Lincolns watched the final act, an actor named John Wilkes Booth slipped into the box and fired a pistol at point blank range into the back of the President’s head.

And there, in one of the wildest nights in American history, the history of this nation changed.

The course of events that followed has been told many times. Booth, a Confederate sympathizer, stabbed Major Henry Rathbone in the arm as the soldier tried to grapple with him, then leaped down onto the stage, breaking his leg in the attempt. He

arose, shouted “Sic Semper Tyrannus” to the crowd, ran limping off the stage to a waiting horse outside and fled.

As the theater exploded into terror and confusion and as the President, still alive, was carried bleeding across the street to a lodging house, still another attack was in progress elsewhere in the city.

Lewis T. Powell, an accomplice of Booth’s, visited the home of Secretary of State William H. Seward who lay abed with an injury. Pretending to be delivering medicine, Powell ran up to Seward’s bedroom, beat off his sons and his male nurse and stabbed the secretary of state about the neck and face, then fled back down the stairs, outside and away on a horse.

And a third member of the conspiracy, George A. Atzerodt, at about the same time, visited the hotel where Vice President Andrew Johnson was staying—drunk, some said. But Atzerodt, who was to finish the job of wiping out America’s leadership, lost his nerve and left without making the attack.

Panic spread across the city that night, as Lincoln lay dying. Around him at the lodging house, doctors, top cabinet members, congressmen and family gathered to wait and pray. At 7:20 a.m., Saturday, Lincoln died.

By this time, police knew Booth’s name and had put together much of the assassination plot. The city was sealed off; even the Canadian border was blocked to watch for the assassins. Johnson was sworn in as the 17th President—still a little drunk, according to one account. Seward, it was found, would live.

Next day, “Black Easter,” the President’s body lay in the White House as millions went to churches to mourn. During the ensuing week, Lincoln’s body lay in state in the capitol rotunda; his funeral was held, and his body began the long trip back to Springfield, stopping at cities and towns on the way so that citizens could take one last look at his face.

In Washington, meanwhile, thousands pressed in the search for Booth. His accomplices were found, arrested and imprisoned. His path was traced to the home of a Dr. Samuel Mudd who had set Booth’s broken leg; it was traced across the Potomac River into Virginia and onward to a farmhouse near Bowling Green, Va., 50 miles north of Richmond.

And there, the Federals found Booth and an accomplice in a tobacco barn. With orders to take him alive, the Federals told both to come out; Booth’s accomplice did so and was captured, but Booth refused.

So, the Federals set fire to the barn and watched, through the wide cracks in the weatherboarding as the actor strutted his last act, fighting the flames with his crutch. Then, a shot was fired—by a solider disobeying order—and Booth fell. He died early next morning. His fight had lasted 12 days.

Next week: The End.

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Smith Creek/  
 Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

The writer wishes his readers, “Happy Easter.”

Don’t let these warm temperatures let one think about starting a garden. The area can still get frost or freeze into early May. Last year, there was a frost on April 22, and the year before a frost on May 5.

Good luck to the turkey hunters going out this Monday. Think safety.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins — Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tesi, Sandra Vandevander, Larry Moyers, Freda Jamison, Sandy Washburn, Mary Alice Simmons and Anna Lee Mitchell; prayer list — Richard Campbell, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Roberta Bennett, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Debbie Horst, Myrtle Hammer, Neal Eye, Donald Burns, Ruth Bauer, Rick Waggy, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Anna Mauzy, Jimmie Bennett, Gloria Moats, Ruthalene Judy, Frankie Judy, David Berg, Tim and Dee McCormick, Jim Judy, Jessie Simmons, Minny Rhoads, Mary and Gary Hess, Phil Downs, Larry Rexrode, Bill Snyder, Troy Bennett, Jim Fawley, Marcia “Marty” Warner, Tom and Judy Borrór, Bob and Brenda Sites, Judith Ours, Nancy and Tony George, David M. Hartman, George Hevener, Danny Nelson, David M. Parkinson, Cleo Simmons, Allen Beachler, Tonya Simon, Tom Butterworth, Sherry Hedrick, Bobby Parsons, Robert Bennett, Mary Alice Evick, Rick Phares, Debbie Eye, Merlin Harper, Virgil “Bub” Yokum, Hannah Hedrick, Barbara Judy Harman, Joyce Calhoun, John Moyers, Norma Auville, Shana Johnson, Jerry Warner, Sherman Bennett, Nellie Keplinger, Chuck Hiett, Betty Smith, Greta Pope and Carol Propst.

Prayer thought: “Father, I’m so grateful for the reality of Jesus’ resurrection that changes my life and gives me real hope.”

High and low temperatures and precipitation for April 7 through April 13, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: April 7 - 51°, 39°, .29” (61°, 27°), April 8 - 46°, 30° (71°, 37°), April 9 - 51°, 21°, freeze (72°, 47°), April 10 - 50°, 45°, .03” (71°, 51°), April 11 - 50°, 40°, .01” (63°, 50°, 1.88”), April 12 - 45°, 37° (52°, 45°, .45”), April 13 - 60°, 29°, frost (58°, 46°, .12”).

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 Thanks to Dr. Williams of RMH Orthopedics and Seth Caldwell, PA, Orthopedics and to Dr. Petel.  
 After a week at the hospital and over 4 weeks at VMRC I am finally home and doing well.  
 The treatment I received at VMRC was second to none. I was treated like family.  
 Prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and gifts were all very appreciated.  
 Thanks to my pastor, David Morris, for his faithful visits. My loving family has been instrumental in my fast recovery. Pendleton County is truly the best place to live.  
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# Observing Easter with Christ's Rising and the Bunny

## Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

The writer received this little “ditty” which she would like to share.

“All I need to know I learned from the Easter Bunny.  
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.  
Some body parts should be floppy.  
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.  
All work and no play can make you a basket case.  
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.  
Everyone is entitled to a bad 'hare' day.  
Keep your paws off other people's jelly beans.”  
With that, there is history surrounding the week of Easter.

It is quite a busy week.

Palm Sunday: Jesus entered Jerusalem

Holy Monday: Jesus freed the sacrificial animals and cleansed the temple.

Holy Tuesday: Jesus taught at the temple.

Holy Wednesday: A disciple named Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for pieces of silver.

Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper with the disciples. Jesus washes their feet.

Good Friday: Jesus was crucified on a cross. Darkness covered the whole earth.

Holy Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb.

Resurrection Sunday: Jesus is Risen!

The writer wishes one “A Happy Easter! Wishing you a day filled with joy, love, and the special blessings of this holiday season. May your Easter be bright and filled with happiness.”

Life's little instructions include the following:

1. Dye Easter eggs with the family.
2. Enjoy egg rolling.
3. Attend an Easter service.
4. Hide Easter eggs.

Friday evening the full April Pink Moon was visible. The moon isn't actually a pink moon. The name is derived from the early spring bloom of a North American wildflower called moss phlox.

Temperatures have dipped once again, calling for coats. Sunday morning temperatures were 28 degrees with noticeable roof frosts. This winter and spring shall go down in the history books as being quite different from previous winters and springs.

The mountains and hills are expressing beauty with the various colors of green. Shortly, the Red Bud will be draping its awesome beauty over the mountain sides. Take a ride to enjoy the spring beauty all around.



Quotes for the week are as follows:

“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.” — Kate McGahan

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“The great gift of Easter is hope.” — Basil Hume

“Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.” — Janine di Giovanni

“There would be no Christmas if there was no Easter.” — Gordon P. Hinckley

Sitting by the fireplace to hear the “Talk of the Grove.”

Wesley Puffenbarger was celebrated at the Pendleton County Rescue Squad's program with a 20-year dedicated service

## Spring Gobbler Season Opens April 21

Turkey hunting will return to West Virginia on April 21 when the spring gobbler season opens across the state.

During the season, which will run for five weeks until May 25, hunters may harvest one bearded bird per day with a season bag limit of two. All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license, unless they are hunting under resident landowner privileges, and must carry a valid form of identification while hunting. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at WVhunt.com.

“Spring gobbler season is a time-honored tradition in West Virginia, offering hunters an exciting challenge and a chance to connect with nature,” said Brett McMillion, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources director. “As hunters prepare for their hunts in the coming weeks, we want to urge them to take advantage of the youth season because it's a great opportunity to introduce kids to the joys of hunting and make lasting memories together.”

West Virginia's two-day youth spring gobbler season is set to open April 19. During the season, youth hunters ages 8-17 may harvest one bearded bird per day, which counts towards their season bag limit of two. Youth hunters 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed and unarmed adult, who must

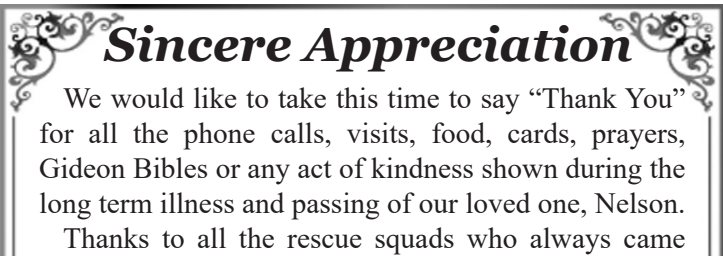
remain close enough to render advice and assistance. Youth hunters 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements.

Hunters are reminded that hunting turkeys over bait and killing hens without beards is illegal during the spring season. Turkey hunters are encouraged to report any such activity to their local natural resource police officer or call 911 to report the violation. The West Virginia Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation pays a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone killing a turkey illegally.

Hunters are also encouraged to participate in the WVDNR's spring gobbler survey, which helps wildlife biologists gather information for managing the state's wild turkey population. Hunters are encouraged to complete the survey through the Survey123 mobile or desktop app. Additional information about this year's survey will be emailed to turkey hunters and posted on the WVDNR website once the season starts. To learn more about the survey, visit WVdnr.gov/surveys.



A big thank you to everyone for making my 90th birthday extra special.  
I appreciate the many cards, calls, gifts and visits.  
*Blessings to each of you.*  
**Coach Ed Wimer**






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We apologize if we have left anyone out or failed to mention you.



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Ava Bowers celebrated her 14th birthday with friends and family. Her birthday was actually on Tuesday, but it was celebrated a little early.

The Sugar Grove 4-H Club held a community Easter egg hunt on Saturday at the VFW pavilion. Many in attendance really enjoyed this excursion.

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More April birthdays include Dakota Grogg and Brody Wimer, 16th; Brenda Propst and David Thornsberry, 17th; Phil Rader and Anna Mauzy, 18th; Paul Cunningham, 19th; Mike Propst, 20th; Evelyn Varner, Gary Nesselrodt and Linda Simmons, 22nd; Ronald Pitsenbarger, 24th; Sherry Chambers, 26th; Jackie Koontz, 27th; Myrtle Hoover, Marcus Smith and Carl Simmons, 29th; and Jim Rexrode and Justin Simmons, 30th.

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# Pendleton County Varsity Track Makes Strides with Senior-Laden Squad



Gabe Harvey sprints to a strong finish at East Hardy. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

By Stephen Smoot

In recent years, the Pendleton County track squad has continued to elevate its collective game. Under the leadership of head coach Christopher Wilburn, both middle and high school competitors have developed skills, attained experience, and showed that the Wildcats can compete with the best in the Potomac Highlands.

“We have a pretty senior dominated group,” stated Wilburn, who shared that eight of his 22 competitors are in their final year.

Wilburn praised the maturity and influence of his upperclassmen, saying the group has helped in coaching and mentoring each other and the younger athletes. “When I’m over with the middle schoolers, the seniors are really like having other coaches.” He told of how they “can look at each other and see what they did wrong. That’s quite a blessing.”

He said that they know how to instruct each other on the details that add up to success.

The senior class includes Sawyer Apple, who competes as a sprinter, hurdler, and jumper. Of Riley Copley, Wilburn said, “He came over from football. This is year four for him.”

Thunder Gill, also a fourth year competitor, is a middle distance and distance runner, while Gabe Harvey, a third year team member, sprints, runs, and fills in “whenever we need someone or someone goes down” on the four by eight relay team. Titus Nulph, who along with Gill stars for the cross-country squad, in his third year specializes in distance.

Wilburn also has three stellar seniors on the girls’ squad. Emma Hartman, who helped to lead the state tournament qualifying volleyball team, competes as a jumper and a sprinter. Wilburn related that “she’s definitely a leader as well. You never have to ask her to give you effort. It’s always 110 percent.”

Aubrey Keiter also is a jumper and sprinter while Laney Sites-Woods, Wilburn describes, “leads by example.”

While the seniors have helped to establish the squad’s competitiveness in recent years, underclass competitors have also emerged as difference-makers. Wilburn listed Cayson Armstrong, who “has picked up where he left off last year. He was on the four by eight team last year.”

Additionally, Sam Eason has started his initial high school track season and, said the coach, “He’s continued to show strides.” Another competitor has shown promise in his first year of ever competing in the sport. David Noble, who contributed heavily to the football team’s success last fall “has picked things up rather quickly.”

Most of the girls’ squad is underclass as well. Wilburn shared that they have been “pleasant to work with. All of them feed off each other. All work hard.”

In the first meet of the year at East Hardy, both the boys and girls teams performed well. The boys side placed third in a field of eight, racking up 97 points. Other schools at the event included Southern (Maryland), who took first place with 176 points. Moorefield scored 108, East Hardy 89, Paw Paw 38, Union 30, Petersburg 21, and Timber Ridge three.

On the girls’ side, the Wildcats earned sixth place of seven teams, but scored 37.5 points in the effort.

Many Wildcat athletes set both personal and season records at East Hardy. Personal record refers to an athlete’s best performance in the event as a varsity athlete in an official event. Season record states that this was their best performance this year.

In the men’s 200-meter race, Harvey set a personal record with a time of 24.27a and took second place in the event. Logan Fisher, a junior, raced to a 26.72a finish and a personal record, while Noble placed 18 and set a personal record of 27.23a. Junior Ryan Bruns ran for a 29.62a.

In the 400-meter race, Harvey dominated the event. He took first place with a personal record of 53.51. Fisher placed eighth with a season record of 59.06. Noble’s



A girls’ relay team, from left, Laney Sites-Wood, Allison Reuss and Shayne Clutter, awaits their turn to compete in Baker. Photo courtesy of Light in Motion.

1:02.88a earned him a personal record and 12th place while Bruns set a personal record at 1:08.18a

In the 1600, Gill set a season record with a 4:57.47a and a third-place finish, then earned second place in the 3200 with a season best 11:18.80a.

Apple hurdled past the rest of the field in the 110-meter event, setting a season record with 16.13a and a first-place finish. He similarly dominated the 300-meter field with a personal record of 41.99a and finished first here as well.

In the 4x 800 relay, Pendleton County’s team of Gill, Armstrong, Nulph, and Eason set a personal record at 9:46.13a, placing second.

Five Wildcats threw the shot put during the day’s events. Ryland Copley set a personal record, throwing 30’9” for a 12th place rank. Noble followed right behind at 29’2”, also throwing for a personal record with a mark of 29’2” meters. Eason threw for 25’7.5” and placed 22nd, setting a personal record.

Ben Puffenbarger, a freshman, threw for 23’5.5” and a personal record while Garrett Hartman threw for a 22’5”, also setting a personal record.

The same five competed in the discus throw. Copley placed sixth, throwing 89’9” for a season record. Noble’s throw went for 71’11” for a personal record and an 18th place finish.

Puffenbarger threw for 65’11” and a personal record. Eason and Garrett Hartman set personal records as well, throwing for 50’9” and 34’, respectively.

In the high jump, Apple tied for first place with a leap of 5’10”. Harvey jumped for 5’8”, both setting season marks.

Apple and Harvey also placed first and second in the long jump. Apple set a personal record with 18’6.5” and Harvey a season mark at 17’11.5”.

On the girls’ side, Arianna Alt, a sophomore, placed 10th in the 200-meter race, setting a personal record of 32.88a. Two Wildcats ran in the 400. Emma Hartman ran for a seventh-place finish, setting a season record with a time of 1:14.43a. Keiter also set a record on the year at 1:23.43a.

Two Wildcats also ran in the 1600-meter race. Callie Dunn, a freshman, earned the fifth spot with a personal record time of 7:00.74a, while Allison Reuss, a sophomore, ran for 7:30.14a.

Three Pendleton County athletes competed in the 300-meter hurdles. Autumn Lockard ran for a sixth-place finish and a time of 1:02.45a, Alt for a 1:03.13a and seventh place, and Shayne Clutter, a freshman, ran for 1:04.09a. All set personal records.

Keiter, Hartman, Lockard, and the experienced Laney Sites-Woods set a team record in the 4x400 with a time of 5:25.67a. In the 4x800 relay, the Wildcat team of Dunn, Clutter, Reuss, and Sites-Woods took second place with a team record time of 12:17.58a.

Pendleton County scored well in the high jump, with Keiter earning second place, setting a personal record of 4’4”. Emma Hartman placed fourth with a personal record of 4’2”.

In the long jump, Lockard set a personal record, leaping 10’1” meters.

Both teams competed next at Elkins.



Connor Hartman, running for James Vincell, takes off from second base during the opening inning against Pocahontas County last Saturday.

## Pendleton County Gets Revenge in Baker, Punishes Pocahontas County in Franklin

By Stephen Smoot

The second week of April treated Sam Yokum’s Wildcats well.

Last Wednesday, Pendleton County earned a measure of revenge for a defeat at home to East Hardy earlier in the season. The long road trip to Baker brought a Wildcat squad hungry for a win and the team battled the whole game.

In the first inning with one out, Travis Owens was hit by pitcher Jordan Teets and took his base. James Vincell hit a line drive single to left, putting men on first and second for Chase Owens. Chase Owens singled to left, gaining a run batted in as Travis Owens crossed the plate.

Later in the inning with two outs, a Cashton Kisamore single drove in Connor Hartman, running for Vincell.

East Hardy answered, cutting the lead in half in the bottom of the first.

The two pitchers, Cole Harper for Pendleton County, and Teets, settled in. Each team had opportunities in each inning, but pitching and defense beat hitting until the bottom of the fifth when East Hardy scored a one out run on a fielder’s choice play.

That set the score at two a piece.

Pendleton County took the lead for good in the top of the sixth. Chase Owens led off with a single. Two batters later, with one out, Kisamore drove a ball to left, but not deep enough to score chase Owens, who held up at third. Next, Cooper Smith took his base courtesy of being hit by a pitch.

With the bases loaded and a one ball and one strike count, Will Smith hit a grounder to short that was mishandled. Kisamore and Chase Owens crossed home plate to put their team up 4-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, Travis Owens took the mound. The first hitter reached base on a single, but the next two fell to a fielder’s choice and strikeout, respectively. With two outs and the bases filled, an infield single gave East Hardy their third run.

With a narrow 4-3 advantage, the Wildcats saw their lead off man in the top of the seventh take his base. Vincell came next. During his at bat, Travis Owens stole second, then reached third on a sacrifice fly. With one out, Chase Owens hit a sacrifice that scored Travis Owens.

The Wildcats got insurance – and needed it when the home team took the field in the second half of the seventh.

Chase Owens took the mound as the closer and got the first two outs. A double and a single brought East Hardy within one and put the tying run on second. The final batter of the game for the Cougars struck out on three pitches and Pendleton County picked up a huge win.

After the emotional win on Wednesday, Pendleton County got back into action on Saturday afternoon. The promised soaking rains never materialized and the game took place in breezy 50-degree temperatures with occasional sun pushing through the gray cumulus clouds hovering above.

One could see that the East Hardy win added a bit of extra animation. Coaches watched warm ups closely. Yokum directed players almost as if in a game, urging proper position during a defense drill.

“All the way! All the way! Look how shallow we are!” Yokum shouted in encouragement.

In their half of the first inning, Travis Owens started on the mound. He got the first hitter to strike out. Then, Pocahontas County batters

singled and walked. Two batters later, with two outs, a base hit to left scored a Warrior and put them on the board first.

Pendleton County responded in the bottom of the inning. Caleb Armentrout sent a fly ball into right center field. The Warrior outfielder ranged under it, but couldn’t complete the play, allowing the lead off man to take first base.

The very first pitch to the second hitter, Travis Owens, put him on. With base runners on second and first, Vincell singled to left, giving the Wildcats their first score.

Hartman entered the game to run for Vincell and stole second. With two outs, the Wildcats loaded the bases, but could get no more runs in at that point.

Wildcat defense and pitching kept the visitors quiet in the top of the second. The leadoff batter worked the count to 10 pitches before taking a walk to first. Next, Spencer Hartman snagged a screaming line drive hit to him at third, then fired across the diamond to pick off the runner at first before he could get back. A strikeout on four pitches closed the Warrior half of the inning.

Pendleton County then took command.

Warrior pitching put the first two batters, Spencer Hartman and Noah Lockard, on base the hard way, by getting hit. Armentrout singled to short, speeding down the line to beat the throw and loading the bases for Travis Owens.

Once again Warrior pitching gave a free base on balls the hard way, but that helped Travis Owens to pick up a run batted in the easy way, sending Spencer Hartman home. Connor Hartman then hit a ground ball to third, allowing courtesy runner Jonas Turner to score on a fielders choice.

Now up 3-1 with one out, Chase Owens came to the plate. On the second pitch, he drove the ball to deep center. Had the ball not met the winds driving in from center field most of the day, it had a strong chance to leave the park.

As it happened, he raced to third, then tried to extend the play into an inside the park home run. The throw picked him off at home, but the triple that was awarded to him also gave him two RBIs and a 5-1 lead.

With the bases emptied, Harper knocked a single to shallow center, then went to second on a Kisamore single to third. Cooper Smith on a one strike pitch sent a ground ball to right, scoring Harper. In the next at bat, Spencer Hartman hit Kisamore in, but the warriors caught Cooper Smith as he tried to advance to second.

That ended the second.

Cayden Boone, affectionately known as “the Rooster” to his teammates since a strong performance last year at South Harrison, used his defense to efficiently sit three Warriors in order as the fourth inning opened. Pendleton County surrendered two outs to open their half of the fourth inning.

Colby Simmons then drew a walk on five pitches. Lockard reached on an error and drove him to second base in the process. An Armentrout single then loaded the bases for Barrett Cook. Cook gave up two strikes, then worked his way back to a three balls and two strikes count before driving a base hit to center, scoring courtesy runner Turner and also Simmons.

That finalized the scoring at 9-1. Over the remaining innings, Will Smith, followed by Cooper Smith, allowed a single hit and two walks over three shutout innings to seal the win.

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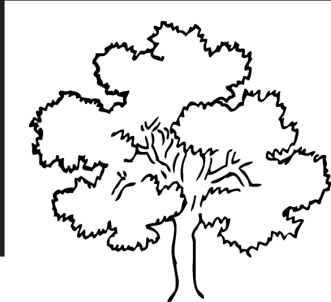
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# Franklin Volunteer Fire Dept.

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very much appreciate the volunteers, the people that support us, and the political bodies behind us” after introducing special guests that included elected and appointed officials on hand for the event.

Jeff Bowers then took to the podium to fulfill his role as ceremonial toastmaster. Smiling, he opened up by shouting, “Can everybody hear my loud mouth?” Some playfully responded, “No!”

He replied, “Then I’ll talk louder!” and called for “a round of applause” for those who set up the appetizer table.

One of the great traditions of the FVFD dinner lies in Bowers gently “roasting” its leadership. He told stories about Hedrick where veracity may have mattered less than if it garnered a good laugh from those in attendance.

Bowers requested that all officers for FVFD come forward for their swearing in. These included Hedrick for president, Bobby Murphy, vice president, Evers Turner, Jr., and Katelyn Frank, serving as joint secretaries, Mary Ann Nelson, treasurer, Mason DiFalco, bugler, Richard Nelson (who could not attend), chief, Andrew Bodine, assistant chief, Brian DiFalco, captain, Doug Hartman, first lieutenant, Warren Hedrick, second lieutenant, and Darren Hedrick, safety officer.

A number of men who had proudly donned their blue uniforms for the day, symbols of both service and sacrifice, raised their hands at once and swore their oath.

Bowers then shared another lengthy joke in which he inserted Hedrick as the main character to the delight of those watching.

Then came that special time in the evening where tenure and excellence in service were honored.

This started with presentations for those who reached milestones of service. These included Cory Thomas who has put in five years, Dalton Bland 10, Brian DiFalco 25,

Eddie Caplinger 30, and Johnny Murphy, who has served for four decades.

Colin Simmons, whose personal slogan was said to be “wait on me!” was named Firefighter of the Year.

The 2024 Outstanding Firefighter of the year was Brian DiFalco.

The next award was not one listed in the program, but was for the Junior Firefighter of the Year. This man was described as “dependable” with the wish that “we had 20 more of him” because he would respond to “a twig in the road or a house burning.”

Mason DiFalco earned that honor, but his father, Brian, added, “He still can’t beat me out the door!”

Turner then said of the last awardee, Officer of the Year, “I thank him for all he does in the department,” then called on Terry Hedrick to receive the award.

Hedrick softly replied once on stage “that was something I was not expecting. Thank you.” He then stated that “I want to recognize Buffalo Snow for the meal,” adding during applause for the providers of the food, “I want to thank you for the good job you did.”

In 2024, FVFD answered 160 calls, “which is more than we normally run,” noted Terry Hedrick.

Harper then returned for the closing benediction. He said, “I got my start with Franklin fire many years ago. It’s good to see young people in our companies. We have several new people in our company.”

He then shared the importance of relying on the brotherhood and sisterhood of firefighters. “If you do this long enough, there are calls that stick in your mind,” Harper commented.

Harper went on to say, “That’s why we’re all here. Everyone needs someone to talk to.” He urged all to recognize that keeping experiences bottled in helps no one and that departments “will deploy all available resources to help.”

The closing prayer included, “We thank You for the call, for being able to do good.”

# PenCo River and Rain Gauges

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“make sure our people aren’t getting into any trouble, getting sick, that sort of thing.”

J. L. Dempsey provided an update from the Pendleton County Sheriff’s Department, saying that they will soon install a new records management system. This improvement will share information “a lot quicker and easier” than what they use currently.

Later in the meeting, he told of the sheriff’s department’s ongoing efforts to hire a new deputy. Dempsey shared that the state had recently “taken age limitations off.” Anyone 18 years of age or over can now be hired by county sheriff’s departments where before they could not hire an individual aged 45 or older.

Dempsey added the provision that they would have to meet would be the physical conditioning standards of the West Virginia State Police Academy. He added that both a criminal record and “a pattern of criminal activity” would also prevent one from hire. Dempsey explained that “we can’t hire you if you are lying, cheating, or stealing” or

have a pattern of arrests or connections with criminal activity, even if one has never been convicted of an offense.

Mike Alt, training officer for Pendleton County Emergency Rescue, described ongoing concerns about the West Virginia Legislature’s approaches to supplementing the funding of EMS. “We’re all watching the state to see what’s happening” on the issue. A legally established EMS Salary Enhancement Fund was depleted, but lawmakers are currently examining a bill that would allow each county’s voters to enact a one cent sales tax to fund emergency services.

Alt also shared worries about the impact of a little known COVID era federal law change regarding camping on national forest lands. Previous restrictions on where and when one may camp were erased, including time limits on how long one can remain in place.

This change allows people, as Alt puts it camp “anywhere and everywhere.” He joked that “it makes me want to go onto national forest land and set up a house there.”

## Family Bonds Are Precious

I have often wondered why one side of my family had such special bonds and love with each other while the other did not. I can’t explain why one member of a family will develop a fondness or closeness to another member of the family and not to all. Maybe it is an age thing, circumstances, or simply surviving.

I know there was a special bond between my mom and my grandma. You might ask how I know this—my mom told me often. Mom talked a lot about the last days she spent with her mother, and the answer mom gave grandma the day the last two babies were born. There were already 10 children in

the family and grandma asked mom what are we going to do now? Mom told her mother that they would take care of the babies.

It wasn’t that grandma didn’t love her other children, but I think that mom, being the second oldest, had shown grandma the role she had taken in helping with the siblings. With grandma’s death mom transferred that bond to granddad, and along with her oldest sister, the three raised the babies. A new bond was formed between the two older sisters and the two baby sisters. This bond between these babies and their young substitute mothers would continue the rest of their lives.

There was also a bond between my granddad and my daddy. Maybe it was because they worked together on the road project that was being built between Moyers and Route 220—now Moyers Gap Road. Maybe it was because after mom married my daddy, they would visit granddad and the younger siblings each week to see that they were alright. Granddad also had a special bond with my Uncle Vernon, quite like the one with my dad. There was just something different in the relationship granddad had with these two sons-in-law and the other seven sons-in-law.

My mom and Aunt Cleo were very close, and Aunt Cleo said that me and my sister are her oldest daughters, and she was like a second mom to us. The bond mom had with grandma wasn’t a long one and it’s as if she assured grandma that she would take care of granddad, and she did until he passed away. The Smith side of my family has always been a close-knit family—there for each other no matter what.

There were bonds in the Rexrode side of my family but nothing like the Smiths. My

grandma Rexrode died at age 30, leaving granddad to raise their four children. He had the help of his mother. Daddy never talked about his family. I did not know that I was granddad Rexrode’s first grandchild and a part of his last year of life.

I don’t recall a lot about daddy’s family until they were adults and had started their own lives. Uncle Paul was shy and never left home—Aunt Virginia and Aunt Ruth both moved on. I don’t know what happened, but Aunt Ruth never did like my daddy and that continued pretty much their adult lives. Daddy took care of Paul just like he did his own children, and that was their special bond. There was no family bond here like in mom’s family.

I think about the two families where the father was left to raise the children and how differently the family relationships turned out. I will one day have the answers!

Family bonds are true treasures but so are the bonds between friends. A true friend is a gift to be cherished.

My one sister and I have a bond that is different from our relationships with our brother and baby sister. We have been called the twins that weren’t born as twins. This is due in part to our being born 11 months apart, our physical size and resemblance as young girls, and our mannerisms. We were the only playmates that we really had until we started school. We both had the same friends at school, after we married and started our own families, and now as both widows and senior ladies. Some things are meant to last.

It’s sad to see members of a family not get along with one another, drift apart and never speak again. God didn’t create families to live this way.

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In accordance with Code 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 25,000.00
Property Taxes .....	150,068.00
Gas and Oil Severance Tax .....	6,000.00
Excise Tax on Utilities.....	45,000.00
Wine and Liquor Tax .....	25,000.00
Animal Control Tax .....	250.00
Hotel Occupancy Tax .....	20,000.00
Fines, Fees & Court Costs .....	1,000.00
Licenses .....	5,000.00
Building Permit Fees.....	2,000.00
Franchise Fees .....	3,000.00
IRP Fees .....	35,000.00
Refuse Collection.....	121,550.00
Gaming Income .....	12,000.00
Interest Revenue .....	2,500.00
Video Lottery.....	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue.....	5,000.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND) .....\$458,868.00

### COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Balance (July 1).....	\$ 50.00
Coal Severance .....	2,500.00
Interest Income .....	70.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND) .....\$ 2,620.00

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance
Mayor’s Office.....	5,700.00	
City Council.....	10,500.00	
Recorder’s Office.....	3,480.00	
City Clerk’s Office.....	97,000.00	
Dues to Regional Council.....	800.00	
Elections .....	1,200.00	
City Hall .....	177,870.00	
Fire Department .....	1,000.00	
Emergency Services .....	1,000.00	
Streets & Highways .....	16,000.00	
Street Lights .....	20,000.00	
Garbage Department .....	103,318.00	
Parks & Recreation .....	10,000.00	2,620.00
Visitor’s Bureau .....	10,000.00	
Library.....	1,000.00	

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES ..... 458,868.00 \$ 2,620.00

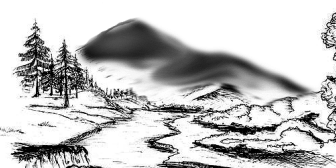
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I, CHARLES FRANKLIN WEHRLE JR, CLERK OF SAID MUNICIPALITY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORDS OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SAID MUNICIPALITY ON THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

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**FAITHFUL Friends Animal Clinic** will be closed Saturday, April 26. Greg Bowers, Sarah Bowers, DVM. 4-17-2c

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 158, at Page 404, Delbert A. Mowery and Rebecca J. Mowery did convey unto Seneca Trustees, Inc., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse, in Franklin, West Virginia, on

May 6, 2025, at 12:19 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 1-1/4 inch iron pipe set on U.S. Route 220 East right of way 705.4 feet from the corner fence post on said right of way between Glover and the Board of Education (upper tract grade school), S. 77 degrees 13 minutes E. 140.67 feet with the line of Lot No. 1 to a 1-1/4 inch iron pipe; thence N. 14 degrees 15 minutes E. 159.18 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pipe in a hollow, witnessed by a 14 inch twin locust on the same bearing 3.4 feet; thence, up the hollow N. 71 degrees 40 minutes W. 142.99 feet with the line of lot No. 3 to a 1/2 inch iron pipe set on the east right of way of U.S. Route 220, thence

with the said right of way S. 30 degrees 35 minutes W. 172.90 feet to the beginning containing 0.54 acre or 23.511 square feet, more or less, which was conveyed to the grantors by Homer Glover, Jr. and Bonnie Waggy Glover, his wife, et al. by deed dated June 27, 1974, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in deed Book 94, Page 360.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 11758 Petersburg Pike, Upper Tract, WV 26866.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Delbert A. Mowery and Rebecca J. Mowery, by Deed dated June 27, 1974, from Homer Glover Jr., Bonnie Waggy Glover, William Glover and Joanne Dahmer Glover, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 94 at Page 360 A.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Jonathan L. Wertman, Authorized Signatory

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated November 9, 2007, executed by Borrower, Walter S Terry, to Timothy J. Amos, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Book 118, at Page 150. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 3368 Brushy Fork Rd f/k/a Hc 70 Box 21 B, Sugar Grove, WV 26815. Pill & Pill, PLLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 6, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 180, Page

478. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pendleton County, in Franklin, West Virginia, on the following date:

May 6, 2025 at 12:15 pm

Located in the District of Sugar Grove, County of Pendleton and State of West Virginia, to-wit: TRACT NO. 1: All that certain lot or parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 9 of the subdivision of the O.L. Dame Tract, lying and being situate on the west side of Brushy Fork Road, Pendleton County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Lot No. 9 of the subdivision of the O.L. Dame Tract, lying and being situate on the west side of Brushy Fork Road, Pendleton County, West Virginia, as is more fully set out and described in a map entitled "Subdivision of the O.L. Dame Tract West Side of Brushy Fork Road Pendleton County, W.Va.," and being the

same real estate initially conveyed from O.L. Dame and Helen L. Dame by deed bearing the date on the 3rd day of October, 1974, which deed is of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 95, at Page 349. See Map Book 2, Page 44. TRACT NO. 2: That certain tract or parcel of real estate lying and being situate 200 feet northwest of West Virginia Secondary Route 30, the Brushy Ford Road, and 600 feet east of the intersection of said route and West Virginia Route 32, in Sugar Grove District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and being more particular described by its metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a bolt found on the line of Ira Meadows; thence, with this line N. 31-6-E. 50.02 feet to a iron pipe found, corner of S.E. Campbell; thence with his line and that of Davie Hayson S. 35-39-E. 99.60 feet to a bolt found, corner of James Coleman; thence, with two of his lines S. 52-02 W. 49.80 feet to a bolt found, witnessed by a power pole MP 1E1-110 N. 32 W. 1.8 feet; thence, N. 32-59 W. 81.95 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 0.099 acres, or 4,322 square feet. Title Reference: Deed Book 171, at page 710.

May 6, 2025, at 12:17 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

That certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, lying and being in Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia approximately 5 miles east of Franklin, West Virginia, and approximately 1.0 mile north of US Route 33, and being more particularly described as Lot 41, containing .072 acres, more or less, of Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase-1, and being more particularly described by its metes and bounds in that certain Description and Plat of Survey of Fisher Mountain, Section 2-Phase 1, which survey was recorded the 31st day of October, 2008, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Map Book 7, at Page 21, which is made a part hereof by reference hereto as though the same were textually set forth herein and being a portion of the same real estate to which the Grantor obtained title by that certain deed dated August 24, 2007, recorded on the 24th day of August, 2002, and of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 175, at Page 513, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

### TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in a "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuation shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 18, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust 125, at Page 489, Larry D. Gandee Sr. and Pamela A. Gandee did convey unto Jeffrey S. Bowers, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill

& Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse, in Franklin, West Virginia, on

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That certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, lying and being in Bethel District, Pendleton County, West Virginia approximately 5 miles east of Franklin, West Virginia, and approximately 1.0 mile north of US Route 33, and being more particularly described as Lot 41, containing .072 acres, more or less, of Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase-1, and being more particularly described by its metes and bounds in that certain Description and Plat of Survey of Fisher Mountain, Section 2-Phase 1, which survey was recorded the 31st day of October, 2008, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Map Book 7, at Page 21, which is made a part hereof by reference hereto as though the same were textually set forth herein and being a portion of the same real estate to which the Grantor obtained title by that certain deed dated August 24, 2007, recorded on the 24th day of August, 2002, and of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 175, at Page 513, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

This conveyance is made subject to those certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Fisher Mountain, Section Two, dated October 28, 2008, recorded October 31, 2008, and of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Deed Book 179, at Page 639, which are made apart hereof by reference hereto as though the same were textually set forth herein.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Jonathan L. Wertman, Authorized Signatory

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### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West

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The Grantor(s) grant and convey to the Grantee, his assigns in title, a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress on the roads and streets of the Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase-1, as set forth in the aforesaid Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Fisher Mountain, Section Two.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Lot No. 41 Fisher Mountain, Section-2, Phase 1, Franklin, WV 26807.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Larry D. Gandee Sr. and Pamela A. Gandee, by Deed dated June 18, 2009, from LGI Land WV, LLC, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 182 at Page 337.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. 4-17-2c





# Gateway Rewards NFES Students for Reading

Gateway Restaurant has teamed up with North Fork Elementary School to encourage students to read. Each nine weeks, three students will receive a free meal at the Gateway. The names of students who have the required amount of Accelerated Reading points are entered into the drawing. Receiving the reward for the third-nine weeks were, from left, Hurikane Cross (second grade), Makenna Bell (second grade) and Nick Harper (sixth grade).

# NFES Students Earn Academic Recognition

The staff at North Fork Elementary School has released the following honor rolls and perfect/faithful attendance for the third nine-weeks grading period.

**A Honor Roll**

First grade — Mason Simmons and Jason Thompson;

Second grade — Benaiah Glover, Gaige Eye and Lyndi Clements;

Third grade — Jace Ours, Vera Selmon, Kinsley Shane and Karlee Arbaugh;

Fourth grade — Darek Greathouse, Andelyn Vance and Haley Warner;

Fifth grade — Sadie Wimer and Declan Shane; and

Sixth grade — Skye Dahmer and Nolin Nededog.

**A/B Honor Roll**

First grade — Waylonn Bell, Cambrie Ours, Timber Tingler and Jayden Swain;

Second grade — Makenna Bell, Benson Harper, Oakley Dahmer, Ellie Huffman, Ashton Kimble, Hunter Kimble, Marley Kimble, Allison Nelson and Delaney Thompson;

Third grade — Leland Dove and Hannah Sponaule;

Fourth grade — Jayce Buckley;

Fifth grade — Tommy

Waybright, Dakota Vandevander, Isabella Arcure, Emilee Morris-Hedrick, Kimberly Sponaule and Levi Arbaugh; and

Sixth grade — Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Elaina Raines, Cooper Roberson and Bentley Wimer.

**Perfect Attendance**

Second grade — Hurikane Cross, Gaige Eye, Benaiah Glover and Blake Long;

Third grade — Jace Ours and Hannah Sponaule;

Fourth grade — Andelyn Vance; and

Sixth grade — Chelsea Hedrick and Callen Kisamore.

**Faithful Attendance**

Kindergarten — Brody Nelson, Shepard Pysell, Skylar Sponaule and Ivy Huffman;

First grade — Waylonn Bell, Haleigh Hedrick, Mason Simmons, Jayden Swain and Grace-

lyn Thompson;

Second grade — Oakley Dahmer, Benson Harper, Aniah Hedrick, Ellie Huffman, Hunter Kimble and Allison Nelson;

Third grade — Karlee Arbaugh, Leland Dove, Briar Hedrick, Gavin Hedrick, Jayson Jameson, Kaden Kimble, Vera Selmon and Layla Warner;

Fourth grade — Taylor Arbaugh, Eli Nelson, Brooklyn Vint and Haley Warner;

Fifth grade — Tommy Waybright, Dakota Vandevander, Keaton Swick, Kai'zekiel Michael, Kimberly Sponaule, Aaliyah Martin and Levi Arbaugh; and

Sixth grade — Skye Dahmer, Jakob Dove, Nickolas Harper, Tori Heavner, Addy Huffman, Ally Jameson, Kaleb Michael, Nolin Nededog, Elaina Raines, Cooper Roberson and Bentley Wimer.



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# Bennett, Townsend, Williams Named PCM/HS Students of the Month



Pendleton County Middle/High School March students of the month are, from left, Kacy Bennett, Lauren Williams and Avery Townsend.

Avery Townsend, Kacy Bennett and Lauren Williams have been named outstanding students of the month for March at Pendleton County Middle/High School.

Townsend, a senior, is the Academic Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Kara Townsend of Franklin. She is the president of the class of 2025, where she is ranked fifth in her class. She is a member of the PCHS softball, basketball, and volleyball teams. She was WHSV Student-Athlete of the Week and has received All-State and Potomac Valley Conference honors for basketball, softball, and volleyball. She is a member of National Honor Society, Pep Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has received a partial softball scholarship to Fairmont State University, where she plans to play softball and major in accounting.

A senior, Bennett is the James Huffman Responsi-

ble Student of the Month at PCHS. He studies automotive technology at the South Branch Career and Technical Center. He enjoys fishing and working on vehicles. His plans are to work as an automotive mechanic after graduation. He is the son of Charles and Kristina Bennett of Circleville.

Williams, an eighth grader, is the Pendleton County Middle School Student of the Month. Her parents are Carl and Andrea Williams. She resides in Brandywine with her family. She participates in basketball and softball. She enjoys reading books, playing her two sports, spending time outside, and traveling to places near and far. She often finds herself lost in her own imagination. Her future plans are to pursue a career that has something to do with animals, and she aspires to play college basketball while in school.

These students receive a T-shirt, \$50 from Pen-

dleton Community Bank, and movie, bowling and ice cream passes courtesy of South Branch Cinema 6 & South Branch Potomac Lanes.

**MENU**  
**Pendleton Senior & Family Services**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**  
**CLOSED**

**MONDAY, APRIL 21**  
Pork BBQ  
Potato Wedges  
Macaroni Salad  
Grapes  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**  
Meatloaf  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Collard Greens  
Orange Dreamsicle  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**  
Cheeseburger Deluxe  
Potato Salad  
**NATIONAL PICNIC DAY**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**  
**EVENING MEAL—5PM**  
Baked Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans/Roll  
Banana Pudding

Meals served daily at the Franklin center from 11:45 to 12:15. Two percent milk served with every meal. Menus are subject to change.

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**PETERSBURG** - WVGT2001048 \$239,900; 4BR 1 ½ BA, heat pump/AC, new cabinets. Call Kathy Sponaule.

**SMOKE HOLE** - WVGT2000894 \$975,000 \$899,000; 13.93 +/- ac., 2 Story Cabin, 3 rentals cabins, 2 ponds, electric hookups for campers. Call Gene Boggs.

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**SGR367A** 2.75 Acre wooded building lot at end of Highland Estates Subdivision, Lot 13, Grant County, Perk approved. Some restrictions. **\$59,999.00.**

**SGR366A** 5 Acres w/Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Panoramic View. Lots of upgrades: New Vinyl Siding, New flooring throughout, New Solid Surface Countertop, Freshly Painted, New Door. Two bed, Two Bath, Large Loft. Finished walkout basement. Hot Tub conveys. 1000 gallon Cistern supplies water to cabin. New 8x12 storage shed. New 1 car garage. **NEW LISTING \$320,000.00.**

**SGR365A** 0.84 Acres. Public View access. Road Frontage along Shenandoah National Forest. **UNDER CONTRACT NEW LISTING \$29,900.00.**

**SGR364A** 2.65 Acres w/2006, 3 Bed, 2 Bath Ranch Modular, Hardwood floors, New Kitchen, Septic, 2 Car Garage & 8x16x10 Steel 2 Bay Garage w/concrete floor. Located in Riverton. **NEW LISTING \$349,000.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00.**

**SGR363A** 3 Bed, 1 Bath Home located in Franklin Corp., Heat Pump, Propane Wall Unit, Electric Baseboard and Central AC, Town Water & Sewer, Double Pane Windows, Deck, One Car Garage & Storage Shed. **NEW LISTING \$169,000.00.**

**SGR362A** 29.9 Acres mostly wooded, located in Hammer Run. Septic, Spring, Electric, Franklin District, Pendleton County. **NEW LISTING \$199,999.00.**

**SGR361A** 1.32 Acres w/4 currently rented residences located in Brandywine, Bethel District. Public Water. **NEW LISTING \$134,900.00.**

**SGR360A** 0.98 Ac. in Brandywine w/2 Unit Apartment Bldg. and 1000 sq ft mobile home. All units occupied. **UNDER CONTRACT NEW LISTING \$129,900.00.**

**SGR359A** 4.35 Acres w/3 Bed 2 Bath Home located on Big Stony Run, Sugar Grove District. **\$199,000.00.**

**SGR357A** 0.44 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath Home, circa 1937. Charming home with lots of character. Newly installed metal roof, Public Water, Sewer, AC, window units, Oil furnace, 2 car unattached garage. Unfinished basement with half bath. **\$249,000.00.**

**SGR355A** 0.241 Acres w/4 Bed, 2 Bath 2475 sq ft home located in the town of Franklin. Finished basement, covered front porch. **NEW LISTING \$259,000.00.**

**SGR354A** 50.96 Acres w/1 Bed, 1.5 Bath Cabin, Spacious Loft. Gas FP. Hidden Valley Subdivision. Some Restrictions. Beautiful wooded setting. **\$389,000.00.**

**SGR351A** 1.53 Acres w/3 Bed, 1 Bath Rancher. Attached Garage, 16'x20' Unattached Garage. Kellers Ridge, Petersburg. **\$249,000.00 \$239,000.00 REDUCED \$215,000.00.**

**SGR349A** 0.341 Acres, with Commercial Bldg or can convert to Residential. Newly Renovated, 2 Baths, New Central AC, Commercial Freezers, 2 Septics. Great location along US RT 33 East. **\$299,000.00.**

**SGR343A** 5 Acre lot w/Log Siding Cabin, Buck Ridges Development. Great View. 2 Bed, 2.5 Baths. Walkout Basement with newly remodeled bath. New carpeting in Basement. Expansive covered deck provides even more outdoor living space to enjoy. Wood floors upstairs. Spring Water. **\$283,000.00.**

**SGR340A** 327.98 Acres, with 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath Home w/2 car garage and Barn. Property adjoins lands owned by Fisher Mtn. Golf Course. Expansive view of Shenandoah Mountain and Fisher Mountain Golf Course. Year round spring-fed creek w/several other Springs and nice bldg. sites. **NEW LISTING \$2,250,000.00.**

**SGR337A** 2.79 Acres, w/2 Bed, 1 Bath Cabin. Wood Ceiling, Paneled walls, LP heat. 8'x8' outbuilding. Well, Sugar Grove District. **NEW LISTING \$429,000.00-REDUCED \$119,000.00 REDUCED \$99,900.00.**

**SGR327A** 0.44 Acres w/3 Bed, 2 Bath Rancher Fixer Upper. Selling "AS IS". New Flooring, New Appliances, New AC Mini Split Unit. Located in Brandywine, South Fork Crossing. Newly rehabbed. Some Restrictions. **\$409,000.00 \$404,000.00 \$99,000.00 REDUCED \$89,900.00.**

**SGR326A** 141.74 Acres, Raw Land, Buffalo Hills. Excellent Hunting, Franklin District. **\$379,000.00.**

**SGR316A** 10.35 Acres, Entry Mountain, Some Covenants & Restrictions. Nice View. **\$89,900.00.**

**SGR302A** "The Hollow" Restaurant, fully furnished, at the corner of US RT 220/US RT 33W, Franklin. Property adjoins neighboring motel. **\$425,000.00 \$520,000.00 REDUCED \$299,000.00 REDUCED \$229,000.00.**

**SGR056** Highland County property. Pasture, several year-round Springs, Hunting, High Speed Internet, Electric, 1.3 miles of public Road Frontage. Awesome view of Blue Grass Valley. **\$2,973,000.00.**

**SGR441 Residential lots**, public water, protective covenants and restrictions. Oak Flat Estates near Brandywine on Rte 33 East of Franklin. Lots from **\$20,760.00.**

**SGR247 Residential lots** with town water, sewer & underground utilities. Protective covenants and restrictions. Franklin Airport Development. Lots from **\$14,630.00.**

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